

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of print[[ed]] products by combining various immediately successive processing methods, the method comprising the steps of: wherein the printed products to be produced are coated with a film in predetermined positions in a film printing method in one step of the method and are provided with a structure and/or are stamped in another step of the method in a structure method and/or stamping method,
coating the print products to be produced with a film at predetermined positions according to a film print processing method in one method step comprising:
partially coating said print products with a thin adhesive layer;
providing a transfer film having at least three layers, namely, a carrier foil, a parting layer and a transfer layer;
removing said transfer layer from said carrier foil and transferring it at least partially to said print products with a transfer or printing unit, wherein said transfer layer adheres to the print products; and
providing an embossing and/or a structure according to an embossing and/or a structure processing method in a further method step, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced successively undergo the steps of the method without intermediate storage.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced are first coated with a film and then provided with a structure and/or stamped.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced are first provided with a structure and/or stamped and are then coated with a film.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1 wherein, in another step of the method, the print[[ed]] products to be produced are printed with color in a printing stage ~~comprising at least one inking unit~~.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced can be color printed before or after being coated with a film or before or after being stamped.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~that~~ claim 1, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced are dried in another step of the method, wherein the drying is carried out after the film coating and/or after the applying a color printing.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein a transfer film that has been supplied for the film printing method is stretched in the direction of width.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the print[[ed]] products to be produced are submitted to a pressing operation in another step of the method after the film coating.

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the transfer film can be controlled with respect to the advance thereof with regard to [[the]] a printing cylinder independently from the rotation thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device for carrying out the method according to claim 1, comprising at least one structure and/or stamping calendar as well as at least one film transfer device.

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device according to claim 11, wherein further comprising at least one printing device comprising an inking unit to apply an ink to said print products to be produced.

13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device according to claim 11 comprising a drying unit downstream the printing device and/or the film transfer device.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device according to claim 11, wherein the film transfer device has at least one expander roller.

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device according to claim 14, wherein the expander roller is shorter than the width of the film transfer device.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The device according to claim 11, wherein the film transfer device comprises a calender.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A method for producing a print product, said method comprising:

conveying a base layer successively and continuously through a plurality of processing steps in which:

- a.) a base layer is coated with an adhesive layer in a first stage;
- b.) a transfer film is provided having at least a carrier foil layer, a parting layer and said transfer layer, wherein the transfer layer is separated from the film and adhered to said base layer with a transfer or printing unit in a second stage;
- c.) said base layer is stamped and/or embossed in a third stage before or after said step b.);
- d.) the base layer is printed in a fourth stage;
- d.) the base layer is dried in a drying unit in a fifth stage located downstream of the stages performing steps a.) or d.); and

wherein the steps a-d) are performed successively without intermediate storage.

19. (New) A combined in-line printing apparatus comprising:

- a gluing unit to selectively apply an adhesive to a base printing material fed through said printing apparatus;
- a structure and/or stamping device to form a pattern in said base material;
- a film transfer device to transfer a transfer layer of a transfer film to said base material, said transfer film having at least a carrier foil layer, a parting layer and said transfer layer; and

wherein said base layer interacts with said gluing unit, said structure and/or stamping device, and said film transfer device in succession without intermediate storage.

20. (New) The combined in-line printing apparatus of claim 19 wherein said base layer interacts with said film transfer device before said structure and/or stamping device.

21. (New) The combined in-line printing apparatus of claim 19 further comprising at least one of a printing device to print a material on said base material, a drying unit to dry said adhesive, and a pressing unit having a plurality of calenders to compress said base layer and said transfer layer.

22. (New) The combined in-line printing apparatus of claim 21, wherein said drying unit is downstream said gluing unit or said printing device.